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In re the application of:

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For: BIODEGRADABLE CERAMIC FIBRES FROM SILICA SOLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 17, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and the first heading, please insert the following:

This application is a U.S. national stage of International Application PCT/FI00/00131, filed February 21, 2000, and published on August 31, 2000 in the English language. *which claims benefit of S.N. 60/121,180 Filed Feb. 22, 1999*

IN THE CLAIMS ATTACHED TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT:

Please rewrite claims 24, 27 and 28 as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A delivery device comprising the controllably biodegradable fibre according to claim 8, wherein the fibre contains a biologically active agent.